



Reporting Guide for the 2005 Annual Return of Broadcasting Distribution Licensee (Long Form)

This Reporting Guide is to assist in the completion of the **Annual Return of "Broadcasting Distribution" Licensee** (Form No. 5-5300-53.1).

Survey Objective

This survey collects data, which are essential for the statistical analysis of the Broadcasting Distribution industry and its impact on the Canadian economy. The data have become very important to users, given the current interest in Telecommunications industries and their role in economic growth. The results of this survey will be published in Statistics Canada Catalogue number 56-001.

Confidentiality Statement

This information is collected under the authority of the **Statistics Act**. Statistics Canada is prohibited by law from publishing any statistics which would divulge information obtained from this survey that relates to any identifiable business/institution/individual, without prior written consent. The data reported in this questionnaire will be treated in confidence and will be used exclusively for statistical purposes and published in aggregate form only. Either the Access to Information Act or any other Legislation, will not modify the confidentiality provisions of the Statistics Act, which treats confidential data.

Agreements and Regulations

In order to avoid duplication and ease the burden on respondents, Statistics Canada has entered into the following data sharing agreements concerning this Broadcasting Distribution Survey:

- A. Under section 11 of the Statistics Act with the "Institut de la statistique du Québec" for the sharing of information from this survey for broadcasting undertakings in Quebec. The Quebec Statistics Act includes the authority for the collection of this information and the same provisions for confidentiality and penalties for disclosure of information as the Federal Statistics Act;
- B. Under section 12 of the Statistics Act with the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) for all broadcasting undertakings in Canada. This information is required by the Commission under the authority of the Broadcasting Act and the regulations and conditions of licence thereunder. Statistics Canada is collecting the information on behalf of the Commission. The Commission will retain a copy of the questionnaire thus satisfying the requirements of the Broadcasting Distribution Regulations or conditions of licence for all broadcasters in Canada to provide this type of information to the Commission on or before November 30 of each year for the year ending on the previous August 31; and
- C. Under section 12 of the Statistics Act with the Federal Department of Canadian Heritage for all broadcasting undertakings in Canada, the "Ministère Québécois des communications" for broadcasting undertakings in Quebec, and the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade for broadcasting undertakings in Ontario. The agreements we have with these agencies require that they keep the information confidential and only use it for statistical and research purposes. In the case of the agreements with these three agencies, respondents may object to the sharing of their information by giving notice in writing to the Chief Statistician and returning the letter of objection in a separate envelope addressed to: **Special Advisor, Telecommunications and Broadcasting Section, Science, Innovation and Electronic Information Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Canada, K1A 0T6, Telephone: (613) 951-3177, Facsimile: (613) 951-9920.**

Change of Ownership

When a change of ownership has been approved by the CRTC, within 90 days thereof, the former licensee will file with Statistics Canada a copy of an annual return covering the period of operations from September 1 to the day of transfer. The new licensee will file an annual return from the day of transfer to August 31. In some cases, the new licensee elects to file an annual return for the full broadcast year. In either case, the licensee should indicate on the return, which period they are filing.

Completion of the Return

This Annual Return is to be completed by those persons licensed (i.e.: the "licensee") by the CRTC to operate a Class 1 terrestrial and/or Direct-to-home (DTH) and/or competing distribution undertaking(s) as set out in the Broadcasting Distribution Regulations. Class 1 licensees who also operate Class 2 and/or Class 3 **non-exempted** undertakings must also complete pages 3,4,5 and 6 of the Annual Return of Broadcasting Distribution Licensee (Short Form) (Form No. 5-5300-379.1) for those systems and attach them to this Class 1 Annual return (see "**Reporting Summary for Combined Systems**" on page 6 of this Guide).

Class 2 and Class 3 exempted: In order to measure the contribution of the cable and satellite industry to the Canadian economy and inform the policy process, Statistics Canada will continue to collect information for all cable and wireless programming distribution systems operating in smaller communities. You will receive at a later date the form titled **Survey of Class 2 and Class 3 Broadcasting Distribution Systems** (Form No. 5-5300-379.6). It should be completed for all class 2 and class 3 systems operating (exempted and non-exempted) within the same province. The information collected will allow a measurement of the impact of competition in the industry and of the availability and use of new technologies in smaller communities.

The reporting period to be covered by this Annual Return is the broadcasting year, which is the 12-month period from September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005.

When a broadcasting distribution licensee operates one or more other types of licensed broadcasting undertaking(s), this Annual Return must be completed to report the specific results of each Class 1/DTH broadcasting distribution undertaking. Separate Annual Returns (e.g.: Television, Radio, Class 2/Class 3 cable, etc.) specific to the other undertakings must also be completed and are available from Statistics Canada at the address on page 2 of this guide.

In addition to this Reporting Guide, this Annual Return consists of five (5) sections:

- i) Section "1": pages 2 to 4 requests information specific to the licensee of the distribution undertaking reporting in section "2" and "3". **Only** one section "1" should be completed per Annual Return,
- ii) Section "2": pages 5 to 8 requests information relating to the provision of basic tier services. A separate section "2" must be completed for each system for which a licence is held,
- iii) Section "3": page 9 to 11 requests information related to the provision of non-basic services, non-programming and other services including exempt services. A separate section "3" **must** be completed for each system for which a license is held.

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- iv) "CRTC's Financial Contributions" Form: with exception of Class 3 licensees, all broadcasting distribution undertakings must complete this form.
 - v) "CRTC's Employment Equity" Form: all licensees must complete this form.

Important: If you are missing any part of this Reporting Guide or of the 11 pages Annual Return, or if the cover page's listing of undertakings is not consistent with your organizational structure, please contact Statistics Canada immediately at the address listed below.

Subject to (i) and (ii) below, please enclose three copies of the licensee's audited Financial Statement for the 12 month period ending August 31, 2005 **and three completed copies of Section "1", "2" and "3" of this Return and one completed copy of CRTC forms:**

- i) subject to (ii) below, all licensees must file **audited** financial statement at the licensee level for the 12 months period ending August 31. **(See the attached Appendix)**
- ii) other than licensees who are public companies, all licensees of cable undertaking having no single undertaking of more than 6000 subscribers at August 31, 2005 may, in lieu of audited financial statements, file non-audited financial statements at the licensee level for the 12 month period ending August 31. **(See the attached Appendix)**

The return is to be typed or legibly written. A postage paid addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. If you have any queries regarding this questionnaire, please contact the:

Special Advisor
Telecommunications and Broadcasting,
Science, Innovation and Electronic Information Division,
Statistics Canada,
Ottawa, Canada, K1A 0T6.
Telephone: (613) 951-3177, Facsimile: (613) 951-9920.
E-mail: daniel.april@statcan.ca

CRTC File Number, Call Sign and CRTC Undertaking Number

The CRTC file number should be entered at the bottom of pages 2, 5 and 9. On pages 5 and 9 also enter the CRTC undertaking number so that these pages can be related to the broadcasting distribution license. This nine-digit number has been pre-printed on the cover of the questionnaire. The CRTC licensee file number is the seven-digit number to the right of the word "CRTC File" on the cover page.

CRTC Licence Fees

Licence fees are not to be remitted with this return but mailed directly to:

Director, Financial Operations
The Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission,
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N2

Enquiries pertaining to licence fees should be referred to the above. Telephone: (819) 997-4384 or Fax: (819) 953-5107.

Definitions

Licensee – A Corporation, organization or person licensed by the CRTC to carry on a broadcasting distribution undertaking as set out in the Broadcasting Distribution Regulations.

Broadcasting Distribution Undertaking – includes cable distribution undertakings, direct-to-home (DTH) satellite distribution undertakings and radio communication distribution undertakings that provide a broadband subscription-based service comparable to that provided by Cable distribution undertakings.

Reporting unit – The smallest unit capable of reporting revenues, expenses, profits and assets on behalf of the undertaking. A reporting unit may consist of (a) a single broadcasting distribution undertaking or (b) a combination of broadcasting distribution undertakings systems operated as a single unit or entity.

Basic tier service – Means the services distributed by a licensee as a package and composed of programming services, the distribution of which is required by the section 17, 22, 32 or 37 of the Broadcasting Distribution Regulations or pursuant to a condition of its licence, and any other services that are included in the package for the basic monthly fee.

Non-basic service – Means a discretionary programming (pay and specialty), non-programming, or exempt programming service that is not included in the basic-tier service and that is distributed to subscribers on a discretionary basis for a fee separate from and in addition to the basic monthly fee.

STV (subscription television systems) – Broadcasting undertakings that use television transmitters to distribute, in scrambled form, television signals to subscribers.

SECTION "1" - LICENSEE (COMPANY) INFORMATION

Page 3: Balance Sheet

If not **incorporated** please supply details of Capital Account.

Non-consolidated financial statements should be used in the completion of this page. Where appraisal increases have occurred, they must not be included in fixed assets but shown separately on line 5.1.

Line 1.4 "Other Current Assets" includes receivables (net), inventories, other prepaid expenses and current amount(s) due from associated companies.

Line 3.1- 3.3 To report the historical cost, accumulated depreciation and net undepreciated capital cost of **ALL** fixed assets, broadcasting and non-broadcasting, owned and/or leased (capital) by the licensee that were in use as at August 31, 2005. A licensee whose financial statements include the results of operations of more than the Broadcasting Distribution undertaking(s) reporting in this Annual Return, e.g.: a cable, a multipoint distribution system (MDS), direct to home (DTH) or other licensed programming undertaking(s), non-programming or non-broadcasting activity(s), must segregate and report the net fixed assets used or allocated for use in each particular activity on lines 3(a) to (e), as applicable. Fixed assets that were not in use as at August 31, 2005 are to be reported on line 5.3.

Line 7.3 "Other Current Liabilities" includes accounts payable and accrued income tax payable, dividends payable, unearned income, current portion of long-term debt and current amount(s) due to associated companies.

Line 8.3 "Other non-Current liabilities" includes deferred income tax and amount(s) due to associated companies.

Line 10 "Total Shareholder's Equity" includes preferred and common shares, retained earnings (accumulated deficit) at the end of the year and other surplus.

Page 4: International Payments and Receipts

Business Services includes all commercial, financial, professional, technical, administrative and management services, royalties, patents, copyrights, advertising, commissions, salaries, insurance premiums and claims, equipment rentals, computer services and all other receipts from and payments to non-residents for services which are directly remitted or charged to accounts. Merchandise exports and imports, travel and freight and shipping transactions are to be omitted. All amounts are to be reported net of withholding taxes.

Line 4 The European Union, excluding the United Kingdom and France, consists of Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, The Republic of Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

Line 6 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries, excluding Japan, United States and European Union are: Australia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, New Zealand, Mexico, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, Poland and Korea.

SECTION "2" – SYSTEM INFORMATION (BASIC TIER ONLY)

Basic tier Services

Pages 5-8 are for the reporting of information relating to the provision of basic tier services. A separate Section 2 must be completed for EACH undertaking for which a licence is held.

Information related to non-basic services which include pay television, discretionary specialty programming, non-programming and exempt programming services is to be reported in Section 3 and is not to be included in Section 2.

Page 5: Financial Summary

Line 1.1 "Direct subscribers" revenue is the annual total of fees received from customers subscribing directly to the basic tier. Include revenue from additional outlets. Do not include revenue for connection, disconnection, rentals, etc.

Line 1.2 "Indirect subscribers" revenue is revenue received indirectly (i.e.) from customers served by bulk contract) through a third party such as a landlord, hotel or motel operator. Do not include revenue for connection, disconnection, rentals, etc.

Line 1.3 "Connection" revenue is revenue for installing, disconnecting and re-connecting the service drop and additional outlets.

Line 1.4 "Community channel sponsorship" revenue is revenue received from sponsorship messages distributed on the community channel. Revenue received from advertising channel (e.g. real estate services, classified ads), teleshopping channels and other non-programming services should be reported in Section 3.

Line 1.5 "Other Revenue" is all other distribution revenue (e.g. service charges, rental or lease of channel capacity) **related to the provision of basic-tier and** not credited to accounts previously noted. Where a DTH/Multipoint distribution system (MDS) licensee own or sells a subscriber receiving satellite dish/subscriber equipment, the associated "Rental" or "net sales" revenue should be included in "Other Revenue". Where any single source of "other revenue" exceed 10% of the total Amount entered on this line, please indicate the amount and the source.

Expenses

Line 2.1 "Programming" expenses should include those expenses attributable to acquiring, producing and preparing programs for those channels which the system originates (e.g. the community channel). Costs related to importing distant basic service signals (e.g. microwave costs) should be reported here but included in line 2.2 "Technical" expenses.

Line 2.2. "Technical" expenses should include those expenses attributable to providing and maintaining the technical facilities necessary to receive and deliver the basic service. Expenses related to production (e.g. studio, mobile expenses) should not be reported here, but in line 2.1 "Programming".

Line 2.3 "Sales and Promotion" expenses should include those expenses attributable to selling, advertising or promoting the basic service.

Line 2.4 "Administration and General" expenses should include the salaries and wages of the system management, including those engaged in the accounting function.

Line 3.1 "Operating Income (Loss)" is determined by subtracting total expenses, line 2.5, from total revenue line 1.6.

Line 3.3 "Interest expense" should be allocated to the system in the same proportion as the system's annual depreciation is to the total depreciation.

Lines 3.4, 3.5 & 3.6 "Investments, Interest and Incidental basic tier Income", "Amortization of Goodwill; start-up expense and other costs" and "Gain (loss) from disposal of fixed assets, investments, etc" should be allocated to the system according to G.A.A.P.

Line 3.8 "Provision for income taxes" should be allocated according to G.A.A.P.

Total Remuneration

Line 4.1 "Salaries and Wages" should include payments for regular hours worked, overtime, vacation and holidays, commissions paid to staff under the sales and promotion category, fringe benefits and director's fees.

Line 4.2 "Average number of employees" should be the typical weekly average of full and equivalent part-time employees. Where there are part-time employees include them as equivalent full-time employees by calculating their work time in proportion to a typical full week's work.

Line 4.3 "Fringe benefits" should include the taxable items shown on employees' T4 form such as profit sharing and bonus arrangements, the cost to the employer of providing retirement pensions to employees, whether or not under the Canada Pension Plan, Quebec Pension Plan or other government pension plans and the cost of providing benefits such as group medical, group life, employment insurance, workers' compensation and other employee benefits. Do not include the value of board and lodging or other payments in kind.

Page 6: Operating Data: Basic Tier

Line 1.1 "Number of subscribers - Direct" should correspond to the total number of dwelling units billed directly by the licensee. Each dwelling unit to which the basic service is provided and for which the unit is billed directly for the service would be counted as one direct subscriber regardless of the number of additional outlets installed on the premises.

Line 1.2 "Number of subscribers - Indirect" are subscribers such as the owner or operator of a hotel, hospital, nursing home or other commercial or institutional premises to which service is provided by a licensee. Each apartment in an apartment building where cost of basic service is included in tenant's rent would be counted as one indirect subscriber. Each hotel, hospital, nursing home or other commercial or institutional premises would be counted as one, regardless of the number of outlets (rooms) installed.

Line 1.4 "Households in areas wired for cable - Individual houses" should include the total number of single family dwellings in the area served by cable whether or not the occupant of the house is a subscriber. The number reported should be credible with line 1.8, "Distribution cable".

Line 1.5 "Households in area wired for cable - Multiple dwellings" should include the total number of apartments, row houses, condominiums, etc. (not the number of buildings) in the area served by cable regardless of whether or not the occupant of the dwelling unit is a subscriber.

Line 1.6 "Households in area wired for cable – Total" should correspond with the total of lines 1.4 and 1.5

Line 1.7 "Total dwelling units in licensed area" should include the total number of dwelling units in the licensed area irrespective of whether these are passed by the undertaking's terrestrial or over-the-air distribution facilities. The number should include all households in the area (i.e. apartments plus other single dwellings). An over-the-air distribution undertaking should report the total number of dwelling units in its licensed area to which its signals are available irrespective of whether or not the household subscribes.

Line 1.8 "Distribution cable" and "Main or trunk cable" should be reported in kilometers.

Line 1.10 "Standard monthly fee for direct subscribers - Analogue" should be the maximum amount before taxes that the licensee charged and billed directly to subscribers (as at August 31) for a basic programming package. For Class 1 undertakings, indicate the amount authorized by the CRTC.

Line 1.11 "Channel capacity": Report the number of television channels the cable system is capable of distributing at August 31, whether or not the channel was actually utilized. For over-the-air distribution undertakings, report the total number of transmitters licensed at August 31, whether or not the transmitter was actually in operation.

Line 1.12 "Number of channels in use": Report the number of cable television channels normally in use at August 31 which were actually used to deliver television program services. Include any locally originated television services authorized. For over-the-air distribution undertakings, report the number of licensed transmitters normally in use to transmit a program service at August 31.

Line 1.13.1 "Program Hours": State the typical hours per week of programming on the local channels, by source and type, for all programs originated by the system.

Lines 1.13.3

&1.13.4 "Number of volunteers" and "Number of volunteers trained" can be provided for each centre or on an average basis for all centres within a system provided that the basis used is indicated.

Direct Operating Expense Summary

1. Programming:

"Community programming", expenses should include only the direct and indirect expenses attributable to acquiring, producing and preparing programs for those channels which the system originates (e.g. the community channel). Costs related to acquiring distant basic service signals (e.g. microwave costs) should not be reported here but included in line 2.15, page 7 "Distant signal delivery".

Line 1.1 "Direct expenses" Please refer to Financial Contributions to the Creation and Production of Canadian Programming form for a definition of **Direct expenses**. *****Important*** Do not include depreciation expense.**

Line 1.2 "Indirect expenses" Please refer to Financial Contributions to the Creation and Production of Canadian Programming form for a definition of **Indirect expenses**.

Lines 1.4a

& 1.4b "Funding of Community Programming Expense" represent the funding sources of the community programming expenses on line 1.3. **Where the totals of line 1.4a and 1.4b do not equal line 1.3 please provide a reconciliation explaining the difference.**

Line 1.5 "Other local special programming expenses (e.g. educational, ethnic, barker, etc.)" channels which are offered as part of the basic service package.

Broadcast news, stock market information and similar alphanumeric services are defined as non-programming services. As such, costs for these services must be reported in Section III of the Annual Return with other non-programming services.

Important: Programming Fund Contributions are to be reported on line 2.12 on Page 7 of the return.

Page 7: Direct Operating Expense Summary

Technical Expenses

Line 2.1 "Rent/lease payments-distribution" includes satellite rental/lease cost for DTH licensees.

Line 2.2 "System Powering" means electric utility costs of power the cable system.

Line 2.4 "Asset based taxes" means taxes which may be assessed by provincial or municipal governments on a licensee's distribution system plant and/or subscriber drops.

Line 2.14 "Affiliation payments" is the total amount due to program suppliers under the terms of the Program Affiliation Agreement, if carried on basic tier.

Sales and Promotion

Line 3.2 "Other" includes sales commission (non-staff) and re-allocation of head office costs.

Page 8: Summary of Basic Tier Fixed Assets

Line 5. The cost related to the installation of new subscriber drops and devices and/or the rebuilding/replacement of existing ones are to be dealt with in all case as capital expenditures. This may not reflect the company's tax or corporate practice, but is required for uniformity of reporting by all licensees. These costs will include:

(a) where licensee makes his own installation, the costs for labour and material (electronic equipment, miscellaneous hardware and wire); and

(b) where the licensee engages a contractor or other agent to make the installation, the amount paid or payable to such agent.

The costs of disconnections and reconnections of existing subscriber drops and the cost of complete removal of the service from any premises should be treated as expenses of the year in which they are incurred. (Amounts received from the subscribers for original connections or for reconnections are to be included in the licensee's current income.)

Reporting Summary for Combined Undertakings

Licensees of Class 1 undertakings who also operate Class 2 or Class 3 undertakings non-exempted must file the operating results of these latter systems with this annual return as follows:

- i) subject to (ii) and (iii) below, all licensees of Class 2 and 3 undertakings must complete and attach pages 3, 4, 6 and 7 of the Annual Return of Broadcasting Distribution Licensee (Short Form) (Form No. 5-4900-379.1) to this Class 1 annual return for each licensed Class 2 and Class 3 non exempted undertaking, except that:
- ii) licensees may combine the operating results of their **Class 3 non-exempt** undertakings (formerly Class 2 undertakings with fewer than 2000 subscribers or Part III licensee) that are located **within the same province** and submit a combined page 3 and a combined page 4 for Basic Services, a combined page 6 for Non-Basic Services, a combined page 7 for Digital television, Internet access and video on demand services and a detailed page 5 listing the Class 3 undertakings covered by the report.
- iii) licensees may also combine the operating results of their MDS undertakings, not serving the same service area(s) as a Class 1 or 2 undertaking as long as the MDS undertakings are located within the same province.

As an example, a licensee operating a Class 1 undertaking, 1 MDS undertaking serving the same area as a Class 1 undertaking, five Class 2 undertakings and 10 Class 3 non-exempt undertakings in the province of British Columbia, would file:

- a) sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Long Form Annual Return (Form No. 5-5300-53.1) for the Class 1 undertaking,
- b) sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Long Form Annual Return for the MDS undertaking serving the same service area as a Class 1 undertaking, and
- c) Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Short Form Annual Return for each Class 2 undertaking.
- d) a single page 3, a single page 4, a single page 6 and a single page 7 of the Short Form Annual Return reporting the combined operating results of the 10 smaller Class 3 non exempted undertakings along with a page 5 listing the 10 undertakings.

It is important not to combine (a) the operating results of Class 3 non exempted undertakings with the operating results of the MDS undertakings, serving the same service areas as Class 3 non exempted undertakings, and (b) the operating results of systems from other provinces.

Important: Total subscribers and revenues shown on the combined undertakings summary should equal total subscribers page 4, line 1.3, total basic revenue page 3, line 1.6 and non-basic revenue page 5, line 1.6 of the “short” form.

SECTION “3” - SYSTEM INFORMATION (pages 9-11)

NON-BASIC, EXEMPT AND NON-PROGRAMMING SERVICES

Pages 9, 10 and 11 are for the reporting of: (a) the revenues, operating expenses and fixed assets related to discretionary services, including pay television services, specialty services, non-programming, exempt and other services, which are not carried as part of the basic service package as well as (b) the incremental revenues, operating expenses and fixed assets related to non-programming and exempt services carried as part of the basic service (c) supplementary information concerning digital television basic and non-basic services and (d) high speed Internet Access service.

The licensee is required to report the information for all such services carried on each undertaking, regardless of whether these services are marketed by the licensee company, or by another company.

Page 9: System Information

Revenue

Line 1.1 “Subscription” should include revenue for pay television, decoders, specialty, non-programming, and other services, which include exempt services (excluding revenue from converters).

Expenses

Line 2.1 “Affiliation Payments” is the total amount paid to program suppliers under the terms of the Program Affiliation Agreement, for services not carried on Basic Tier.

Line 2.2 “Technical” expense should include: (a) the operating expenses incurred to provide and maintain the technical facilities necessary to deliver the discretionary, non-programming and exempt services carried on the discretionary tier(s) and (b) the incremental operating expenses incurred to deliver the non-programming and exempt services carried on the basic tier.

Line 2.3 “Sales and Promotion” expenses should include those costs attributable to selling and advertising and/or promoting non-basic services.

Line 2.4 “Administration and General” should include those costs, which relate only to the provision of non-basic services.

Operating Income

Line 3.2 “Depreciation” is the depreciation expense related to: (a) historical capital cost of fixed assets in use at August 31, 2005 for the carriage of discretionary, non-programming and exempt services on a discretionary tier(s) and (b) the incremental capital cost of fixed assets in use at August 31, 2005 to carry non-programming and exempt services on the basic tier.

Line 3.3 “Interest expense” is that portion of interest incurred in respect of financing discretionary, non-basic tier services.

Line 3.7 “Net Income (loss) after taxes” (cell 18, column 4) should be combined for ALL systems.

Other Financial Data

Line 4.3 Number of subscribers to discretionary (not included in the basic-tier service and that is distributed to subscribers for a fee separate from, and in addition to, the basic monthly fee) programming (pay and specialty), non-programming, or exempt programming service A client that subscribes to more than one discretionary services (e.g. extended basic programming plus pay television) should be counted only once.

Gross revenue from Exempt Programming and Non-Programming Services

Gross revenue from exempt programming and non-programming services is defined as the total gross revenue, including any revenue from the rental of equipment related exclusively to the delivery of such services, that are earned directly or indirectly by a licensee or other entity, where the licensee and other entity are not dealing at arm's length within the meaning of section 251 of the Income Tax Act, for any cable-delivered service other than a programming service.

Exempt programming and non-programming services include all alpha-numeric services whether text-base services such as Broadcast News and Stock Market information, or revenue producing channels such as advertising and home shopping channels.

Gross revenue from exempt programming and non-programming services does not include revenue from installation, reconnections or converters related exclusively to the delivery of non-basic programming services.

Only exempt programming and non-programming revenue of the licensee or related entity from the delivery of such services on the licensed cable system is to be included. Financial statements for any related company should be submitted if not consolidated with the licensee.

An "infomercial" is defined as programming exceeding 12 minutes in length that combines entertainment or information with the sale or promotion of goods or services into a virtually indistinguishable whole. It may also involve the promotion of products mentioned in distinct commercial breaks within the infomercial programming itself.

Allocation of Packaged Services to Non-Programming and Exempt Services

Where revenues are earned from the delivery of a discretionary service package containing both programming and non-programming/exempt services, revenues from the package are to be allocated to non-programming/exempt services using a formula based on the ratio of the number of non-programming/exempt services (channels) to the total number of programming and non-programming/exempt services offered in the package.

Total Non-Basic Revenue

Report the total non-basic service revenue from subscriptions or rental of equipment related exclusively to the delivery of non-basic services, net of any allocation of packaged service revenues attributed to non-programming /exempt services.

The **Total – Exempt** revenue (cell 55 on page 9) must equal the sum of cell 26 on line 1.6 at the top of page 9 **and Non-programming revenue** (cell 33 at the bottom of page 9) must equal the sum of cell 46 on line 1.6 at the top of page 9.

Page 10: Non-Basic Services

Affiliation Payments and Subscribers to non-basic programming services

Line 7. "Total affiliation payments" should agree with cell 7, column 1 on page 9.

Digital Television

Line 1. "Number of subscribers - Direct" should report the number of direct subscribers that pay directly to the licensee at standard rates for a digital-programming package. The amounts reported in cell 01 should not exceed the amounts on lines 1.1 page 6 and 4.3 page 9.

Line 2. "Number of subscribers - Indirect" should report the number of indirect subscribers, these are units served by bulk contracts, for a basic digital programming package. The amount reported in cell 02 should not exceed the amount reported on line 1.2 page 6.

Line 3. "Standard monthly fee for direct subscribers - Digital" should be the amount before taxes that the licensee charged and billed directly to subscriber (at August 31) for a basic digital-programming package.

Line 4. "Total revenue - Digital (\$)" should include the revenue for digital programming. The amount in cell 04 should not exceed the amounts on lines 1.6 page 5 and 1.6 page 9.

Internet Access Service - Cable modem, satellite or MDS

Line 1. "Number of subscribers to high speed Internet access services" should report the number of subscribers to Internet access services with this company and its affiliate.

Line 2. "Revenues from high speed Internet access service" should be the amount before taxes that the licensee and its affiliates, charged and billed directly to the subscriber (at August 31) for an Internet access services.

Telephone Services by Cable

Line 1. "Number of subscribers to Telephone services by cable " should report the number of subscribers to Telephone services by cable.

Line 2. "Revenues from Telephone services by cable" should be the amount before taxes that the licensee charged and billed directly to the subscriber (at August 31) for a telephone service by cable.

APPENDIX

1. Audited Financial Statements:

Licensees of cable undertakings having at least one undertaking with more than 6,000 subscribers as at August 31 of the annual return year being filed, must file audited financial statements along with the annual return.

2. Non-audited Financial Statements:

Although not subject to an audit by the licensee's external auditors, they must nevertheless be prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (G.A.A.P.)* and be signed and dated by the licensee as follows:

"I, _____
(Name) (Title)

am authorized to certify on behalf of _____
(Licensee)

that these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (G.A.A.P.) and are true and complete in all respects to the best of my knowledge and belief.

- Where the statements have not been prepared in accordance with G.A.A.P., please indicate the areas involved and how you treated them.

3. Licensees otherwise required to file audited financial statements and whose fiscal year end does not coincide with August 31 may, as an alternative to filing audited statements as at August 31, file non-audited financial statements at the licensee level for the 12 month period ending August 31 on which the licensee's auditor has performed a "Review Engagement" in accordance with section 8200 of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountant's handbook (the "C.I.C.A. handbook"). Licensees who elect to provide Review Engagement financial statements must also file, with their annual return, their audited financial statements for the most recently completed fiscal year ending immediately prior to the 31 August of the annual return being filed.

4. Licensees otherwise required to file audited financial statements and whose statements are included in the audited consolidated statements of a Parent company may, where audited statements at the licensee level are not prepared, file financial statements as follows:

i) where the year-end of the Parent is August 31, file non-audited statements at the licensee level and the audited consolidated statements of the Parent both for the 12 month period ending August 31.

ii) where the year-end of the Parent is other than August 31, file non-audited financial statements at the licensee level for the 12 month period ending August 31 on which the licensee's auditor has performed a Review Engagement and the audited consolidated financial statements for the Parent company's most recently completed fiscal year ending immediately prior to the 31 August of the annual return being filed.